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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A construction for preventing diffusion of pollution in a polluted land, the construction comprising a wall member (1)—for preventing pollution diffusion installed underground in a polluted land for partitioning between a polluted soil side (2)—and a non-polluted soil side (3)—in the land;

wherein the wall member (1)-is formed of wall forming material having a water-permeability and containing a rare earth compound carried therein.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 1, wherein said wall forming material forming the wall member (1)-is provided in the form of a ceramics block (5)-containing granules of the rare earth compound mixed therein.
- 3. (Original) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 1, wherein said wall forming material comprises granules formed by mixing a water-absorptive substance and the rare earth compound together.
- 4. (Original) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 1, wherein said wall forming material comprises a mixture of granules of the rare earth compound and a material of grains larger in diameter than the rare earth compound granules.
- 5. (Original) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 3, wherein said grain material comprise glass cullet.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to <u>claim 1</u> any-one of claims 1-4, wherein said rare earth compound comprises ceric oxide hydrate or ceric hydroxide.

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7. (New) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 2, wherein said rare earth compound comprises ceric oxide hydrate or ceric hydroxide.

- 8. (New) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 3, wherein said rare earth compound comprises ceric oxide hydrate or ceric hydroxide.
- 9. (New) The pollution diffusion preventive construction according to claim 4, wherein said rare earth compound comprises ceric oxide hydrate or ceric hydroxide.

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